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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Kimnhung Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 7-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 7-17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 18-22 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been examined. The claims 1 and 7-22 are pending. The examination results are as following.

Elections/Restrictions

2. Restriction is required under 35U.S.C. 121 and 372
3. Newly submitted claims 18-22 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The limitation "A control apparatus, comprising a receiving circuit that receives connection in formation from a remote device; and a control circuit that recognizes a connection between a first device and second device based on the connection in formation" is directed to different embodiment, would require additional search and/or consideration.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 18-22 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1 and 7-17 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention is directed to a remote control system comprising a remote control operating unit having an input device for inputting, from an operator, connection in formation between in formation processing equipment and in formation reproduction equipment connected to the in formation processing equipment, a storage device for storing the connection in formation; and an output device for

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outputting the connection information. The closest prior art of Baker et al. (US 6,597,374) showed a similar invention, however he fails to teach that wherein the control unit controls the information processing equipment and the information reproduction equipment, based on a control signal output from the remote control operating unit, corresponding to the connection between the information processing equipment and the information reproduction equipment connected to the information processing equipment recognized by the recognition device as claims 1, 10 and 11; or a display device for displaying designation information indicating the information reproduction equipment, based on the connection information stored in the storage device; a selection device for selecting designation information; a search device for searching the connection information corresponding to the selected designation information from the storage device; and an output device for outputting the connection information specified by the searching device as claim 9.

Response To Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 7-22 filed on 8/23/06 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period

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will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

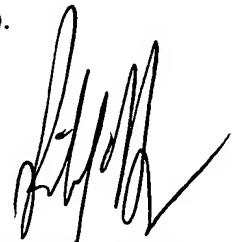
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimnhung Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-7698. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-FRI, FROM 8:30 AM-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Hjerpe can be reached on (571) 272-7691. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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